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Background Reading:

- Isaiah 1:2-10
  - 29:1-4
- Jeremiah 6:6
  - 9:10-12
- Ezekiel 4:1-3
- Mark 13:14
- Luke 21:20
- Revelation 1:2

Devotional Reading:

- Isaiah 1:4-6

Guided Questions

1. Who was some of the prophets that God used to prophesy to Jerusalem?
2. What was some of the punishments?
3. Why were some of the punishments so harsh?
4. Why was the sin of being rebellious so bad?

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Background Reading

Isaiah 1:2-10

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

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Background Reading

Isaiah 1:2-10

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

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Background Reading

Isaiah 29:1-4

1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

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Background Reading

Jeremiah 6:6 For thus hath the Lord of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

Jeremiah 9:10-12

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.

12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?

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Background Reading

Ezekiel 4:1-3

1 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

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Mark 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

Luke 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Revelation 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Devotional Reading

Isaiah 1:4-6

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Central Verse

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV)

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: through your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

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INTRODUCTION

Jerusalem has always been an important city in the life of the Children of Israel. God showed his concern when He allowed several of His prophets to prophesy to them about the coming siege of Jerusalem, a pivotal event in biblical prophecy. Isaiah one of the major prophets, whose name means "Salvation of Jehovah," provided an early warning about the coming siege. The warnings God sent through several of His prophets were a divine warning to the people of Judah and Jerusalem about the impending judgment due to their persistent disobedience and idolatry. Sometimes it may seem like God is silent on some issues that people have and are disobedient to. But He has a time of vengeance that will come forth against His people, because He's angry with the wicked every day.

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INTRODUCTION

God loved Israel, and He constantly showed His love to them. He let them know that He was aware of their disobedience, disrespect, and rebellious spirits, but He yet made preparations for them to get right and prosper. He had Isaiah to tell them to come and sit with Him and talk about their sins. Whatever was wrong, he would expect and help them to make it right.

God used the Prophet Jeremiah to let them know that he was aware of their lifestyles, but yet loved them. He was willing to help them and give them time to strengthen their lives.

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DISCUSSION

The book of Isaiah presents to the believers a very rich and comprehensive look at the kingdom of Judah and Jerusalem. It tells the prophecies of judgment, but yet it gives the people of God the messages of hope and restoration. It gives a picture of the wrath of God but also the love of God for His children. It has many warnings and woes, but it also gives the believers a birdseye view of the coming Kingdom Age.

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DISCUSSION

The Prophet Isaiah calls out the sins of God's people who were filled with the spirit of rebellion. He started out by crying out to Judah. He called them a sinful nation, people whose guilt was great, a brood of evildoers, and children given to corruption. All these descriptions of them were very negative, the opposite of who they should have been. Because of their negative actions, they were people who had forsaken the Lord, spurned the Holy One of lsrael, and turned their backs on Him.

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DISCUSSION

Knowing that this had caused their head to be injured and their entire heart was afflicted. They had wounds, welts, and open sores from the soles of their feet to the crown of their heads, but yet they persisted in their disobedience and rebelliousness. God sent a prophetic plea to them asking them to return unto them.

Isaiah spent time confronting and condemning his own people for their Open defiance against God.

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DISCUSSION

God used Jeremiah to call to Jerusalem in chapter six, when He let them know that if they didn't change, He would depart from them and leave them and allow them to become a desolate land that would no longer be inhabited.

God gave them opportunity after opportunity to change, but they refused. God told them to stand in the ways and see and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein. He said that He had set watchmen over them and yet said that they would not obey him. Because of their disobedience God said that he would bring evil upon His people and lay a stumbling block before the people, the fathers and sons shall fall together. He also told them that a cruel, fierce nation would come and lead them into captivity. Every time Israel was taken into captivity, they suffered and cried unto God for his mercy. God is such a merciful God that after a while he comes back to their rescue and brings them out. But this time, He told the leaders to get ready because he was going to allow them to stay in captivity seventy years.

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DISCUSSION

The prophet Ezekial tried to help Israel, by prophesying to them. He let them see all kinds of signs before the siege. God told Ezekial to take a brick and place it before himself and draw a picture of Jerusalem on it. Then take a model of a military siege against the brick, then build siege walls, construct a ramp, set up army camps, lay a battering ram around it. Then get an iron skillet and place it upright between him and the city – an iron wall. Face the model: The city shall be under siege and shall be the besieger. This will be a sign to the family of Israel. God then told Ezekial to lie on his left side and place the sin of the family of Israel on himself he was told to bare the sins for 390 days. After the 390 days, he was to lie down on his right side and bare the sins of Judah for forty days. After the forty days roll up his sleeve, shake his arm, and preach against Israel.

DISCUSSION

Next God told Ezekiel that He would tie him up with ropes so that he couldn't move or turn over until He had finished the siege. God told Ezekial the type of bread to make and He said that Israel would eat that and they would not be happy. His last prophesy during this time was that He was going to cut off all food from Jerusalem and the people would live on starvation rations; worrying where their next meal would come from scrounging for the next drink of water. They would live in famine conditions looking like people with nothing but skin and bones shaking their heads. This is all because of sin. The believers must remember that the sin of rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.

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CONCLUSION

Isaiah emphasizes God's enduring covenant with Jerusalem, portraying it as a holy city destined for divine favor and ultimate redemption. He envisions future glories for Jerusalem as a restored center of worship and righteousness. He tells of a Messianic Age that will be prominent, a place of peace and the divine presence of the Almighty God. Isaiah' s visions have influenced believers eschatology, highlighting themes of ultimate redemption.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

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